

**Remarks:**

1. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted prosecution of the instant application to one of the following two groups:

(I) Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making a progressing cavity stator, classified by the Examiner in class 29, subclass 888.023, and

(II) Claims 16-43, drawn to a progressing cavity stator or motor, classified by the Examiner in class 418, subclass 48. Examiner further alleged that Group II includes patentably distinct species: FIGURES 3, 5, 9, 10, and a press fit replaceable insert.

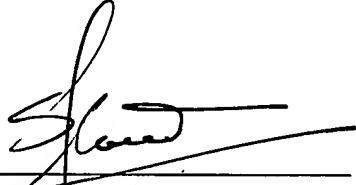
2. Applicants elect Group II, claims 16 through 43, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. Applicants believe generic claims 32-39 and 42 are allowable. However, in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, Applicants further elect, on a provisional basis, the Group II species represented by independent claim 16 and dependent claims 17 through 26, without traverse, for further prosecution in this application. Said species is drawn to a replaceable progressing cavity insert for a stator.

3. Applicants further make the foregoing election(s) without prejudice to their right to file divisional applications on claims that have been restricted out of this application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, or believe that a telephone interview may expedite the further examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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